

# Cultural Literacy Programs in Your Library: Resources

## Selected Professional Associations

- ★ American Indian Library Association (AILA) - [ailanet.org/](http://ailanet.org/)
- ★ American Library Association's Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) - <http://www.ala.org/emiert/>
- ★ American Library Association's Rainbow Round Table (RRT) - <http://www.ala.org/glbtrt/>
- ★ Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) - <http://www.apalaweb.org/>
- ★ Association for Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) - programs and services for differently able individuals and incarcerated persons.  
<http://www.ala.org/ascla/>
- ★ Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) <http://jewishlibraries.org/index.php>
- ★ Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA) - <http://www.bcala.org/>
- ★ Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) - <http://www.cala-web.org/>
- ★ International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) - <http://www.ifla.org/>
- ★ International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) - <http://www.ibby.org/>
- ★ REFORMA (The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking) - <http://www.reforma.org/>
- ★ United States Board on Books for Young People (USBBY) – <http://usbbby.org/>

## Selected Online Resources

**Library Service to Special Population Children and their Caregivers** – Toolkit for Librarians and Library Workers with suggestions on how to help all children and families feel welcome at the library. Available: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/professional-tools/lsspcc-toolkit-2015.pdf>

**American Library Association Office of Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services** – One stop location for many of ALA's diversity-related initiatives and programs. Available: <http://www.ala.org/offices/diversity>

**American Indians in Children's Literature** – Blog by librarian and researcher Debbie Reese that critically examines the representation of indigenous characters in youth literature. Available: <http://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com>

**CBC Diversity by Children's Book Council** – Group of book creators, librarians, and publishers dedicated to promoting diversity in youth literature. Available: <http://www.cbcdiversity.com>

**Children's Books by and About People of Color (Annual Statistics) by the Cooperative Children's Book Center, University of Wisconsin – Madison** – Annual statistics of children's and YA books published each year representing racial diversity. Available: <http://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pcstats.asp>

**The Danger of a Single Story.** TEDtalk by Author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, 2009. – Describes the important for books and other media to accurately depict our culturally pluralistic society. Available:

[http://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda\\_adichie\\_the\\_danger\\_of\\_a\\_single\\_story.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story.html)

**The Windows and Mirrors of Your Child's Bookshelf.** TEDtalk by Author/ Illustrator Grace Lin, 2016. - Describes why it is important for children's books to reflect the diversity of our world, serving not only as mirrors but windows too. Available: <https://youtu.be/wQ8wiV3FVo>

**Importance of Diversity in Library Programs and Material Collections for Children (2014) –**

Whitepaper published by the Association for Library Service to Children about why libraries should provide diversity in the services, programs, and collections they offer. Contains several links at the end for multicultural books awards, professional books on multicultural library services, and program ideas for outreach to diverse populations. Available:

[http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/ALSCwhitepaper\\_importance%20of%20diversity\\_with%20graphics\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/ALSCwhitepaper_importance%20of%20diversity_with%20graphics_FINAL.pdf)

**International Children's Digital Library –** Free full text scans of children's picture books and intermediate books from around the world. Books are available in many, many different languages. Available: <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

**Multicultural Library Manifesto -** Developed by International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO), this resource provides helpful information for librarians interested in serving diverse populations. Available: <https://www.ifla.org/node/8976>

**National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) –** Free library program operated through the Library of Congress that offers resources for libraries serving differently able patrons. Available: <http://www.loc.gov/nls/>

**The Open Book Blog –** Blog hosted by the children's book publisher Lee & Low Books, which provides snapshots on diversity in children's and adult media as well as critical commentary on diversity publishing. Available: <http://blog.leeandlow.com>

**Reading While White –** Critical blog by four white children's librarians that examines cultural diversity in children's and YA literature and how white culture influences interactions with diverse books. Available: <http://readingwhilewhite.blogspot.com>

**Rich in Color -** Blog dedicated to promoting young adult literature with diverse characters or written by authors of color. Available: <http://richincolor.com>

**We Need Diverse Books Campaign –** Grassroots effort started in April 2014 to address the lack of diversity in children's and YA publishing. Available: <http://weneeddiversebooks.org/>

**The White Ravens: A Selection of International Children's and Youth Literature.**

Searchable database of international children's literature from countries around the world. Sorted by year, language, and country of origin. Books selected by specialists at the International Youth Library. Available:

<http://www.ijb.de/en/reference-library/white-ravens-online.html>

**World of Words (WOW): International Collection of Children's and Adolescent Literature**

- Created by the University of Arizona, the resource contains a database of children's and young adult books from around the world as well as articles related to multicultural or international children's literature. Available: <http://wowlit.org/>

**The World Through Picture Books: Librarians' Favourite Books from Their Country** - Booklist produced by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Libraries for Children and Young Adults section, IFLA Literacy and Reading section, and IBBY. Includes recommended children's books from 36 countries that can be used to promote intercultural understanding through children's books. A traveling exhibition is also available to librarians. Available: <https://www.ifla.org/node/6718>

**Grant & Scholarship Resources**

**Light the Way Grant: Outreach to the Underserved Grant** - Awarded by the Association for Library Service to Children and sponsored by Candlewick Press, this grant supports an exemplary library outreach program to underserved children. Available:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/candlewicklighttheway>

**Ezra Jack Keats Minigrant Program for Public Libraries & Public Schools** - Awarded by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, these grants fund activities that "foster creative expression, working together and interaction with a diverse community." Available: <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/section/ezra-jack-keats-mini-grant-program-for-public-libraries-public-schools/>

**Estela and Raul Mora Award** - Awarded by REFORMA) and sponsored by Latina children's author and poet Pat Mora and her siblings, this award/grant retroactively funds an exemplary cultural literacy program that celebrates Día: Children's Day, Book Day. Available:

<http://www.patmora.com/mora-award/>

**Spectrum Scholarship Program** - Established in 1997, this program is designed to increase the number of culturally diverse librarians in the field. Available:

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/spectrum>

**ALA Diversity Research Grant** - Supported by ALA, this grant encourages research in diversity-related topics (broadly defined) of concern to the field of librarianship. Available:

<http://www.ala.org/research/larks/diversity>

## **Selected Cultural Programming Resources:**

- ★ **Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys** by National Endowment for the Humanities in collaboration with the American Library Association's Public Program Office  
<http://www.ala.org/tools/programming/muslimjourneys>
- ★ **iColorín Colorado!** by Reading Rockets - <http://www.colorincolorado.org/>
- ★ **Dai Dai Xiang Chuan: Bridging Generations, a Bag at a Time** by the Chinese American Librarians Association - <https://www.cala-web.org/node/1463>
- ★ **Día** by the Association for Library Service to Children, Pat Mora, and REFORMA - <http://dia.ala.org/>
- ★ **Embracing Diversity: Sharing Our Songs and Rhymes** by Burnaby Public Library (Canada). Suggests many songs and storytime ideas for promoting cultural understanding in multiple languages. Available: <http://bpl.bc.ca/kids/embracing-diversity/program-ideas>
- ★ **International Children's Book Day**. Celebrated on or around April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Each year a national section of IBBY is selected to develop a theme and create a poster with artwork and a message to children around the world promoting literacy. Available: <http://www.ibby.org/awards-activities/activities/international-childrens-book-day/>
- ★ **Noche de Cuentos**. A Night of Stories is a REFORMA family literacy initiative celebrated all year round, and especially during the week of the Spring equinox, March 18-25, in conjunction with World Storytelling Day <http://nochedecuentos.org/>
- ★ **Teaching Tolerance**. From film kits and lesson plans to the building blocks of a customized Learning Plan focusing on social justice and anti-bias themes. - <https://www.tolerance.org/classroom-resources>
- ★ **Programming Librarian** by the American Library Association,- <http://www.programminglibrarian.org>
- ★ **Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture** by American Indian Library Association and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association - <http://talkstorytogether.org/>